

ward in mended strength and exhilarated spirits. He is even able to laugh at the thought of Blue Monday, that phantom dreaded by the ordinary preacher.

The physiology of preaching is a negative department of homiletics. Why it should be, is a riddle we cannot solve. Surely, it is as much the duty of ministers to prepare the body for the pulpit as to prepare the mind. The true preacher preaches with the body as well as with the mind; and the most spiritually-minded preacher is painfully reminded that he has a tabernacle of flesh which will not allow him to forget its claims. Mere bodily vigor may profit little in the pulpit, but the body is the medium through which the mind must operate, and if the instrument be out of tune, the music must be harsh and discordant. Careful attention to the physiology of preaching will preserve sweetness in the melody of thought and expression in the pulpit."

A LIFE THAT TELLS.

The life and work of Dr. Theodore Cuyler, whose name is familiar to many of our readers, should be an inspiration to every minister of the Gospel. On Easter Sabbath the doctor preached in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church, of which he was pastor for thirty years, from 1860 to 1890. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry, and yet he preached with great power. His subject was, "The Angels at the Sepulchre," which was preceded by an interesting account of his long pastorate covering a period of almost a third of a century. Among many other things he said: "By a happy coincidence my fifty years' ministry has been linked with the Easter festival. I was licensed to preach about Easter time. My first sermon before this church was on that stormy Easter Sabbath in 1860. On the Easter Sabbath of 1885 the quarter-century of my pastorate was kindly commemorated in this church, and on April 6, 1890, I delivered the valedictory discourse which gave back this dear pulpit and made way for the advent of my beloved and heaven blessed successor." During his pastorate while preaching regularly he wrote numerous articles for the prominent papers of the country, among them the *Independent* of New York. His writings are saturated with the spirit of Christ as he is filled with it. It is said by one who made observation that in a single week his name appeared in thirty different papers accompanied by an article from his pen. July 9, 1863, there were born to him twin chil-

dren, one of which was named Georgie, the other Theo. They were sweet as well as beautiful children. April 19, 1868, Georgie suddenly died, aged not quite five years. The bereaved parents received many consolatory letters, some of which are incorporated in a little book written by Dr. Cuyler, entitled "The Empty Crib." It is a little volume filled with many sweet thoughts, words of consolation, a very cup of comfort for bereaved parents. The book contains this inscription, found in an old English churchyard:

"Who plucked that flower?" cried the gardener, as he walked through the garden? His fellow servant answered,

"THE MASTER"

And the gardener held his peace.

The influence of the Drs.' work has been felt by thousands who have read his writings, heard his sermons and come in contact with a life so full of the sweet, blessed spirit of Christ. The doctrine preached by this soldier of the cross is beautifully illustrated by the following incident: A coarsely dressed man, of the lower class, came into a Brooklyn store frequented by the well-to-do. He was not getting any attention, till one of the clerks politely inquired what he could do for him. Then this clerk served him with as much interest and civility as if he had been a rich customer. This drew the notice of the other clerks, and when the man departed, they began to chaff the one who had waited on him, asking if that chap was a relative of his, etc. Hearing this, a lady who had watched the whole affair spoke up very earnestly. "Permit me to say, sir," said she to the clerk, "that I have observed your courtesy to that poor man, and have been very much impressed by it." "Thank you, madam," he replied; "the fact is, I have been going to Cuyler's church for these six months, and he has lodged in me the idea that I ought to treat every man as a brother."

Sermons that work into the life of the hearer as those of Dr. Cuyler, are Gospel sermons. We have given these few incidents in the life of the Dr. to show what an influence the Gospel minister if thoroughly consecrated to his work may exert. The preacher's life, if it is what it should be, tells for God and humanity. Let us gather inspiration from the men and women whose lives have so richly blessed humanity, leading sinners in the way in which they should go, bringing back the erring one, finding a home for him in the Father's house.

Personal Mention.

Brother E. B. Shaver reports three accessions at Mauretown, Va., by baptism.

Brother W. L. Spanogle says: "Your Sunday-school literature is fine." Thanks.

Brother J. Allen Miller preached at Buckeye City last Sabbath morning and evening.

Brother D. J. Hetric, Oakland, Pa., desires correspondence with some brethren living in Alabama.

Sister L. B. Edwards, of Missouri writes: "Thank you for so good a paper. We cannot do without it." We appreciate your kind words.

Sabbath evening April 26, Brother Oberholtzer preached in the College chapel, Sabbath morning, May 3, Brother Byers preached, and in the evening Brother Garber preached. If "Variety is the spice of life," then we get the "spice."

Brother Darling reports a very pleasant communion at Moxham, Pa., where five were added to the church during his meeting. He also reports two accessions by relation at Rosedale. Brother Darling is an earnest worker and is succeeding remarkably well. He is quite a young man and has a bright future before him.

Brother S. P. Fogle of New Market, Va., writes: "You will find enclosed one dollar for another subscription for the EVANGELIST to the end of 1896. This now brings our church paper to each of our brethren families at New Market. I think all who are Christian workers ought to endeavor to get each family in the Brethren church to do likewise." Of how many other places can it be said that the EVANGELIST goes into every family of the Brethren church? This is as it should be. Every family should read the church paper.

BIBLE CONFERENCE.

A Conference for the study of the Bible will be held at Ashland, Ohio, beginning June 10, and continuing for ten days. Ministers, Sunday-school workers, and all church workers will here have an opportunity for careful study at the least expense. No tuition will be charged.

Full program will be announced in a short time. If you are interested, address

J. M. BOWMAN, Glenford, O.
or J. A. MILLER, Ashland, O.

LEARNING maketh young men temperate, is the comfort of old age, standing for wealth with poverty, and serving as an ornament to riches.—Cicero.